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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, THE MISSION SPOKESMAN WILL
GIVE THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT:

1. AT 0020, JULY 9, NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS ENTERED AND
OCCUPIED THE GROUNDS OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY ANNEX
BUILDING WHICH CONTAINS THE OFFICES OF THE CONSULAR/VISA
SECTION, USAID, USIS, THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND THE
EMBASSY HEALTH UNIT. THE EMBASSY LODGED A PROTEST WITH THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AGAINST THE ACTION WHICH WAS IN
CONTRAVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE VIENNA CONVENTION.
AT 2230, JULY 9, THE TROOPS LEFT THE ANNEX BUILDING GROUNDS.

2. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS THE ANNEX BUILDING UNDER PREPAID
LEASE UNTIL JANUARY 1977 BUT, IN VIEW OF THE NIGERIA
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GOVERNMENT'S NEED FOR OFFICE SPACE, THE EMBASSY INDICATED

IN EARLY JUNE ITS WILLINGNESS TO VACATE THE ANNEX AND MOVE TO
OTHER QUARTERS AS SOON AS THESE QUARTERS COULD BE PROVIDED
THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO PERMIT THE CONTINUATION OF
NORMAL OPERATION BY THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS CONCERNING SUCH
MATTERS AS THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE ELECTRIC POWER, TELEPHONES
AND OTHER SERVICES. IT IS HOPED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE
CONCLUDED VERY SOON.
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